

Boers Bayoneted During Attack on Mafeking

London, Nov. 15.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Mafeking, sent by way of Mafeking, because the runners sent southward were unable to traverse the Boer lines, gives an interesting account of the fighting during the last week in October. The correspondent says:

After the failure to rush the town General Cronje had recourse to the tactics employed during the siege of Potchefstroom in 1881, making an advance to the town by a succession of trenches in echelon. Such a movement had been anticipated by us for some time, and for that reason there had been sent out parties to worry the Boers incessantly by night attacks. These tactics the enemy disliked, but he contented himself with a daily shell fire, which exposed him to little personal risk. Then Colonel Baden-Powell played his trump card by sending out Fitz-Clarence's party to worry the occupants of trenches. The little force stole out silently in the darkness. No shot was fired, and the men, with fixed bayonets, creeping rather than walking along, approached the chief Boer position near the race course. Then, as they closed in there was a shrill scream. It was Fitz-Clarence's whistle and the signal for onslaught.

A ringing cheer, which the listeners back in camp caught up, was the only reply as the party dashed into the trenches. There was a short struggle, the attacking forces catching and bayoneting the Boers under the tapuilla, where they crouched, crying for mercy. At least fifty bayonets got to work and the havoc wrought was terrible.

For just a moment there was no systematic return fire, but then a perfect hailstorm of bullets poured in from the trenches to the rear. Again Fitz-Clarence's whistle sounded. It meant "cease firing and scatter homeward." The British forces scattered, creeping back under the furious fire in the darkness to the appointed rendezvous, where the roll was called.

Colonel Baden-Powell met and congratulated Captain Fitz-Clarence and his men upon their splendid work, saying that it was a heavy price to pay, but that the Boers had to be stopped making rifle trenches within range of the town. The members of the party are now the envy and pride of the garrison. Even the Boer commander, Botha, expressed admiration of the attack, and added that he would take Mafeking before long, for he meant to do one thing or the other quickly.

Sunday passed quietly, the Volunteer band playing in the woman's laager. All Sunday night the Boers poured a rifle fire into the town. It was still going after dinner Sunday evening, when Colonel Baden-Powell hoisted a red lamp on the commonage, which was the scene of Captain Fitz-Clarence's night attack. The ruse answered splendidly. The moment the light appeared the Boers opened fire and their fusillade lasted the whole night through.

There has been a tremendous waste of ammunition. Indeed, it is estimated that 20,000 rounds of ball cartridges were wasted on the occasion of the night attack on the Boer trenches. Double rations have been served out to the men, who are under shelter, so as to be on the safe side if the Boers should sweep the town by a long rifle fire. The garrison is hanging on finely. Colonel Baden-Powell has the fullest confidence in everybody, and especially in the matter of implicit obedience to the order to hold the fire until the Boers get to close range.

The shelling continued all Sunday at intervals. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon General Cronje sent in a flag of truce, giving Mafeking's last chance to surrender at the eleventh hour. While the flag was receiving attention the heavy bombardment continued.

The dispatch then describes General Cronje's great attack of Monday, the details of which have already been obtained from Colonel Baden-Powell's official statement.

"The end came," says the correspondent after five hours' fighting. The enemy retired, being heavily beaten for all time, so far as Mafeking is concerned. It was the hottest day of the siege, and the firing was terrific, the Boers evidently recognizing that the only way into Mafeking, if any, was by a kopje which was gallantly defended by Colonel Walford's men. The garrison is jubilant, while the Boers have been hurled back in disorder on their laager and will have to content themselves with a long-range bombardment until they are strongly reinforced.

"The enemy lost heavily. For hours after their fighting line had been rolled back two wagons went slowly along their positions, picking up the dead

and wounded. The kopje resembled a shambles after the fight. All the men were killed by bullets or shells. The lookout tower was shot to pieces, while even the saddles of the horses were fearfully battered about. The whole place was simply smashed up by the concentrated fire of seven guns and the rifles.

"The Boers at first held on to their advance pluckily, but they could not live when they came to short range, the men being shot down at 300 yards.

"The enemy is expected to draw off early in order to defend Pretoria. There is still no news from the south. As I send this message off 600 Boers have gone south with wagons and have commenced shelling."

POOR SPANISH CHARTS.

Washington, Nov. 19.—An examination of the mail reports received by the department from the Asiatic station shows that a large percentage of the American men-of-war have grounded since the destruction of the Spanish fleet in the harbor of Manila.

It is a matter of surprise to officials, in view of the character of the charting done by the Spaniards, that more American vessels have not been lost. Rear Admiral Bradford, chief of the Bureau of Equipment, proposes to expedite the surveying of the waters of the Philippines not only for the benefit of naval vessels but for the transports and merchant service as well. Splendid time is being made by the American men-of-war in their race to Manila. The armored cruiser Brooklyn, which left Port Tewfik on November 13 for Aden, arrived at the latter port today and is coaling preparatory to sailing for Colombo en route to Manila.

The Brooklyn is averaging about 11 knots an hour. The cruiser New Orleans left Port Said on November 15 for Aden, and considerable interest is being taken by officials in the speed she is making. The Brooklyn left Hampton Roads on October 16 for Manila and the New Orleans sailed from New York five days later. The Brooklyn's lead has been reduced two days.

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The plurality of John A. Caldwell (R.) for Lieutenant Governor over A. W. Patrick (D.), who was supported by the Anti-Saloon League, is 12,720. An analysis of the figures shows that about 40,000 electors who voted for Jones for Governor failed to vote for any other candidate for State office. The Non-Partisans drew their strength about equally from the Republican and Democratic parties.

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